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1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS ON MEETING APRIL 28 OF DRAFTING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING SECTION OF STSC REPORT, AND BRIEFLY ON DISCUSSION APRIL 28 OF AGENDA ITEM 5--SPACE APPLICATIONS.

2. INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP CHAIRED BY INDIA (VELLODI) HELD MEETING APRIL 28 TO DISCUSS REMOTE SENSING SECTION OF STSC REPORT. US, UK, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, EGYPT, USSR, BELGIUM ATTENDED. WE PROPOSED AND MOST DELS SUPPORTED USING UK WORKING PAPER AS BASIS. THIS PAPER AND OTHERS DISCUSSED WILL BE BROUGHT TO IO/UNP APRIL 29 BY JERRY DREW. WE SUGGESTED THAT REFERENCE IN UK PAPER (AND OTHERS SUCH AS SOVIET) TO GLOBEL SYSTEM UNDER UN AUSPICES BE CHANGED TO SHOW THAT THE UN SOLUTION IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ONE AND IT IS PREMATURE TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS ON THIS POINT.

3. THERE WAS WIDE AGREEMENT THAT TWO PARAS SUGGESTED BY AUSTRALIA TOGETHER WITH LAST THREE OR FOUR PARAS IN OUR TEXT (DATAFAXED EARLIER TO IO/UNP) COULD BE USEFULLY ADDED TO BRITISH PAPER. THERE WAS ALSO WIDE AGREEMENT THAT SOV DRAFT, PARTICULARLY FIRST PART, HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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USABLE LANGUAGE, ALTHOUGH WE OBJECTED TO RECOMMENDATION

FOR A USER SURVEY SINCE ONE WAS JUST COMPLETED WITH POOR RESULTS. EGYPT TABLED PAPER ON THE POSSIBLE USE OF FAO AND EXISTING NATIONAL CENTERS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO AN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, AS WELL AS A PAPER RECOMMENDING THAT THE UN REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION CONSIDER ESTABLISHING REGIONAL REMOTE SENSING CENTERS. A BELGIAN PAPER PROPOSED SETTING UP AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY TO MANAGE THE SPACE SEGMENT.

4. USSR (ORDZHONIKIDZE) SPOKE BRIEFLY, URGING THAT THE REPORT DEAL ONLY WITH THE PRE-OPERATIONAL PHASE (UK TEXT DIVIDED INTO PRE-OPERATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL). USSR ALSO SAID REPORT SHOULD DEAL ONLY WITH A UN CENTER SINCE STSC IS A UN BODY, AND SAID REPORT COULD TAKE SOMETHING FROM EACH OF THE DRAFTS SUBMITTED.

5. VELLODI UNDERTOOK TO PREPARE A NEW DRAFT BY APRIL 29 FOR GROUP'S APPROVAL

6. DURING DEBATE ON AGENDA ITEM 5--SPACE APPLICATIONS--EGYPT MADE PASSIONATE SPEECH FOR GREATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INCLUDING CONTINUATION OF TRAINING AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS. MADE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE INTEGRATED BODY UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF UN TO ADMINISTER ALL SPACE PROGRAMS PRESENTLY UNDER UN AGENCIES AND BODIES.

7. AUSTRIA SUPPORTED EGYPT'S RECOMMENDATION AND EMPHASIZED NEED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF OBTAINING RESOURCES FROM OTHER AGENCIES, (UNDP, IAEA) TO ASSIST LDC'S IN AREA OF REMOTE SENSING. INDICATED THAT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR STSC WAS NOT ADEQUATE AND AUSTRIA PLANS TO OBJECT STRONGLY TO IT. EGYPT, PAKISTAN, AND KENYA, ALONG WITH UNESCO AND COSPAR SAID THEIR DELEGATIONS WOULD NOT SUPPORT BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS.

8. USDEL FOLLOWED PARA 3B OF INSTRUCTIONS IN BRIEF INTERVENTION.

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